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## Response to Restriction/Election Requirement

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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
 KOHEI WATANABE, et al. ) Examiner: Bin Shen  
 Application No.: 10/554,211 ) Group Art Unit: 1657  
 Int'l. Filing Date: December 16, 2004 )  
 371(c) Date: October 24, 2005 )  
 For: BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE )  
 SUBSTANCE TRANSFER )  
 SHEET, CELL CULTURE KIT )  
 CONSTITUTED OF CELL )  
 CULTURE PLATE AND )  
 BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE )  
 SUBSTANCE TRANSFER )  
 SHEET, PRODUCING METHOD )  
 THEREOF AND METHOD FOR )  
 SCREENING CELL CULTURE )  
 CONDITIONS UTILIZING THE )  
 SAME ) April 11, 2007

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March 13, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to 10. The restriction requirement is, however, traversed.

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Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in examining the five groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown. In the present instance, it is not believed that there would be an undue burden in examining the claims of Groups I to V in a single application, since the five groups of claims are not so different as would require a burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond that of the normal burdens of examination.

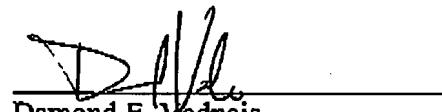
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested. If, however, the restriction requirement is maintained, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of method Claims 22 to 33 upon the allowance of Claims 1 to 10, pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(b).

The Office Action also sets forth an election of species requirement. The requirement is only applicable if Group IV is elected. This was confirmed by the Examiner in a telephone conversation with Applicants' undersigned representative. Accordingly, since Group IV was not elected, no election of species is necessary.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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